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## SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary respectfully submits this, the Seventh Annual Report for the period beginning with the 44th regular meeting of the Society, February 5, 1900, and ending with the 49th meeting during the last month of that year. This change in reckoning which will make the Society's year *begin* instead of *end* with its Annual Meetings, has reduced the period covered by this report by one month.

During these six meetings 11 papers have been presented and one unwritten address, and 23 persons have participated in the ensuing discussions. At the April meeting, the novel experiment, in this Society, of having the papers illustrated with lantern slides, was tried with good effect. The average attendance has been 123; the largest, 200, at the April; and the smallest, 90, at the February meeting.

Your Secretary takes great pleasure in calling your attention to the fact that during 1900 we have had but 2 resignations and one death among our membership which has been increased from 108 to 185—the largest gain in any year since our organization.

During 1900 the Society issued and distributed to its paid-up members, volume 3 of its Records and a Bibliography of the District of Columbia.

During the Centennial celebration of the founding of the Permanent Seat of the Government in this City, this Society was represented on the various Committees; it has presented to Congress a memorial praying for proper legislation to protect our flag from profanation and misuse; and it has adopted as its Seal a representation of the "Franzoni Clock," showing the Genius of History recording the events of the nation; while, more and more, its publications are being sought for and consulted by students in all parts of the country.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY STEVENS BEALI,  
*Secretary.*

January 7, 1901.